

MORTALITY RATE SHOWS DECREASE

Number of Deaths Smallest of Any June on Record.

WILL MEET AT SOUTH HILL

Petersburg District Conference to Be in Session July 16, 17 and 18.

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The report of the Health Department for the month ending yesterday shows that the registration of deaths during the month was the smallest of any June on record, and as compared with the same month for the past seven years, shows a reduction of fully 59 per cent. The number of deaths reported was thirty—white, 16; colored, 14. With only a few deaths of infants, there is but little typhoid fever in the city. The only discouraging outlook is in the matter of smallpox. There are now five families under house quarantine, with ten cases of the disease. Two of these families are recent comers to the city and had never been vaccinated.

There were two deaths of tuberculosis during the month, four of organic heart disease and seven of Bright's disease. Seven deaths were certified by the coroner, six bodies were brought to the city for burial, and six were shipped away. There were only six deaths among infants under five years of age. The rate of mortality on the whole population was fourteen per 1,000 per annum; on the white fourteen, and on the colored population eight.

Birth Record.
While the death registration was much lower than usual this month, the birth registration was much higher. The number of births reported to the Health Department was 72—white males, 33; white females, 22; total 55; colored males, 3; colored females, 3; total 17.

Early Morning Marriage.
At 6:30 o'clock this morning at the residence of the bride's parents, on Grove Avenue, Miss Katharine Talbot and Harry L. Brown, both of this city, were married. The Rev. W. H. Atwell, of High Street Methodist Church, officiating.

Methodist District Conference.
The Petersburg District Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will hold its annual meeting with the church at South Hill, on July 16, 17 and 18. There are about thirty pastoral charges in the district and the attendance of clergy and lay delegates at the conference over which presiding Elder J. K. Jelliff will preside is expected to be large. Reports and addresses on the state of the church on Sunday schools, on missions, education, temperance and other important matters will be made, and lay delegates and alternates to the annual conference will be elected.

In the increase of membership of church and Sunday schools and in contributions to missions last year the district made a splendid record.

Gilliam-Patterson.
A marriage of interest was solemnized in St. John's Episcopal Church, at Chester, last evening, at 6:30 o'clock. Miss Jennie Belle Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Patterson, of Chesterfield, and Robert Skelton Gilliam, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Gilliam, of this city, being united in wedlock. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. P. Dainbridge and the Rev. J. Francis Ribble, of this city. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Elizabeth Patterson, as maid of honor and by Miss Nan Outburt and Emily Gordon (Miss) of Petersburg; and Miss Sadie Apperson, of Lynchburg; as bridesmaids. Wm. Claiborne Gilliam, brother of the bridegroom, attended as best man. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Gilliam left for Richmond in an automobile.

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Election of Officers.

Eureka Lodge, Knights of Pythias, has elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: Chancellor, Commander, Joseph S. Moody; Vice-Chancellor, E. P. Brown, Jr.; Prelate, Jas. E. Caldwell; Keeper of Records and Seal, Frank A. Owen; Master of Finance, A. D. Lockett; Master of Exchequer, Jas. A. Alfriend; Master-at-Arms, Robt. E. Beasley; Inside Guard, D. W. Irvine; Outside Guard, C. H. Wilson. These officers will be installed at the meeting on July 1.

General News Notes.

The opening of the New Castle Hall, of New Castle, Pa., by the Knights of Pythias last night was an occasion of much interest to members of the order. Eureka lodge was the guest of Nautilus, and a large delegation of Pythians from Richmond was present. Addresses were delivered by Grand Chancellor Ruffin, Past Chancellor Laville, and others. A fine musical program was executed and refreshments served. Judge Walter A. Watson, candidate for Congress in this district, addressed a large crowd at Blackstone this morning, and was given a fine reception.

George Charles Scarborough, of Prince George county, died at the Petersburg Hospital, to which she was brought evening before last to undergo a very delicate surgical operation.

MRS. WHEELER WIDS AT 76.

Widow of Sewing Machine Man Marries Spiritualist Leader.

Springfield, Mass., June 27.—Although she is seventy-six years old, Mrs. Asmira E. Wheeler, the widow of John W. Wheeler, founder of the New Home Sewing Machine Company, Monday married G. Tabor Thompson, a spiritualist leader of Philadelphia, aged fifty-two years. The facts became known yesterday when it was announced that the wedding had taken place at Mrs. Wheeler's summer home at Lake Pleasant, and except to close friends of the two it was a big surprise.

John W. Wheeler, who died two years ago, left practically his entire estate to his widow. It is believed to run well into the millions, most of which is stock in the sewing machine plant in this town.

Women Clubbed by Police.

Boston, June 27.—Women were clubbed to-day by the police of Boston, when the bluecoats attempted to disperse a crowd of them in the Jewish quarter who were supporting the kosher meat boycott by attacking stores in Chambers Street. Several of the women were so seriously hurt that they were taken to hospitals.

REPUBLICANS WILL HOLD CONVENTION

Slemp Likely to Be Nominated Without Opposition to Oppose Ayers.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Bristol, Va., June 27.—Now that the Republican National Committee is over a call from District Chairman Peter J. Davenport for a convention to nominate a candidate for Congress in the Ninth Virginia District is expected any day, General Rufus A. Ayers is the Democratic nominee in the district, having been nominated at a convention held here last March. That Representative C. B. Slemp will be nominated to oppose him seems a foregone conclusion. There is no opposition to Mr. Slemp in the Taft wing of the party, and it is not believed that the followers of Roosevelt will attempt to organize for the purpose of naming a candidate for Congress, notwithstanding the threatened Roosevelt program to have a candidate for Congress in every district.

This far about the only new thing said to be slated by the Republicans of the district is the election of a chairman to succeed Chairman Davenport, who has been at the head of the organization for a number of years. It is said that L. P. Summers, who recently resigned the collectorship at Abingdon, is slated for that position.

The twentieth session of the Southwest Virginia Medical Association convened in Pulaski at noon to-day with about thirty physicians in attendance from all the counties of the Southwest and Bristol city. The welcome address, delivered by John S. Draper, an attorney, was responded to by Dr. J. W. Preston, Dr. W. W. Chaffin, president of the association, delivered the annual address to-night, his subject being "The Doctor's Worth." The other officers are: Dr. E. C. Watson and Dr. W. H. Ribble, vice-presidents, and Dr. A. B. Greiner, secretary-treasurer. The executive committee is made up of the officers and Drs. M. M. Pearson, P. B. Green and H. H. Trout. The meeting will continue until Friday evening, and a number of papers will be read and discussed.

Professor S. R. McChesney, of Bristol, who has been deputed to hold the summer State normal school at Emory and Henry College, will open the school on next Tuesday, July 2. A strong faculty has been selected, and the school premises to be one of the best in recent years. It will continue for one month, closing on August 3. An enrollment of upwards of 200 teachers is expected on the opening day. Mrs. Virginia Parish, of the city schools here, will be a member of the faculty.

WORLDWIDE UNION ELECTS OFFICERS

Feature of Business Session of Baraca-Philathea Convention at Norfolk.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Norfolk, Va., June 27.—The election of officers and reports of committees consumed all of the business session of the world-wide Baraca-Philathea convention yesterday morning, and the remainder of the day was taken up with a trip to the United States naval training station at St. Helena, where a sham battle by sailors and marines was witnessed, and a mass meeting in the Colonial Theatre at night, one of the features of which was the presentation of a lovin' couple to Marshall A. Hudson, of Syracuse, N. Y., founder of the Baraca covenant, and to James E. Woodcock, of Norfolk, chairman of the General Convention Committee. The presentation of the cups was made by the Rev. W. A. Smith, of Norfolk, member of the National Program Committee, who created no end of laughter and applause at the felicitous manner in which he discharges this duty.

The response by the recipients of these tokens, which were presented on behalf of the Baraca-Philathea Union of Norfolk and Portsmouth, showed plainly the deep feeling and gratification which Messrs. Hudson and Woodhouse felt at receiving these tributes. The audience which filled every available seat in the theatre applauded and cheered lustily when the cups were presented.

According to the program the principal address of last evening was to have been delivered by the Rev. B. W. Spillman, D. D., field secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Union. Dr. Spillman, however, was absent on account of illness, and his place was acceptably filled by Professor C. E. Brewer, of Wake Forest, N. C., who delivered an instructive address on "The Big Boy and the Baraca Club."

The following is the list of officers of the World Wide Union elected yesterday: President, Marshall A. Hudson, Syracuse, N. Y.; Vice-President, Rev. Charles McKenney, Johnstown, N. Y.; James E. Woodhouse, Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. Florence E. Hudson, Los Angeles, Cal.; Miss Henrietta Heron, Elgin, Ill.; General Secretary, Luther C. Reynolds, Mayville, Ky.; Treasurer, Rev. Frank Anderson, Johnstown, N. Y.; Recording Secretary, W. G. Monk, Syracuse, N. Y.; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. M. G. Womack, Spartanburg, S. C.; Baraca Junior Secretary, Rev. C. D. Reed, Jamestown, N. Y.; Philathea Junior Secretary, Miss Kathleen D. Ware, Asheville, N. C.; Baraca Secret Service Secretary, A. S. Hampton, Detroit, Mich.; Philathea Secret Service Secretary, Miss Edith L. Seesee, Chicago, Ill.

Norfolk, Va., June 27.—Following separate sessions of prayer and praise, a number of addresses this morning and a joint meeting in the Cumberland Street Methodist Church in the afternoon, the sixteenth annual convention of the World Wide Baraca-Philathea Union, which has been in session here since last Saturday, was brought to a close this afternoon.

More than a hundred of the twelve hundred delegates from all parts of the country, who have been in attendance upon the Norfolk convention, which has been voted the "best" in the history of the organization, left this evening for a trip to Washington, D. C. Others went to Baltimore to attend the National Democratic Convention, but a large majority remained here to spend the week-end by the sea. The visiting delegates are enthusiastic in their praise of Norfolk and her people, and are unanimous in saying the convention just closed was the most notable ever held by the Baraca-Philathea Union.

APPOMATOX JAIL HEAVILY GUARDED

To Prevent Lynching of Negro Charged With Attack on Woman.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Appomattox, Va., June 27.—A strong guard of armed farmers is to-night guarding the Appomattox County Jail to prevent, if possible, the lynching of Alfred Wright, an eighteen-year-old negro from Lynchburg, who is charged with brutally attacking Bertha Ferguson, a widow, this forenoon. The negro, after identification by the victim, was locked up, and to-night the infuriated people are kept outside a dead line around the jail by armed special constables.

This morning about 8 o'clock Wright is alleged to have committed the attack upon Mrs. Ferguson within one-half mile of this place. Within less than thirty minutes Sheriff McKinney and Commonwealth's Attorney S. L. Ferguson headed a posse of fifty or more mounted men and went to the scene, and the woods were searched and by 12 o'clock the supposed guilty party was landed in jail at this place. Mrs. Ferguson, who has been a widow for two years and has several small children, lives about one mile distant. She had been into town to sell berries, and upon her return about 9 o'clock she was met in a strip of woods by the negro and attacked. He dragged her to the point of a knife into the woods. He then threatened

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to kill her, but by promising silence, her life was spared, but she was severely bruised and beaten and left in a very distressing condition. She said she saw her brother coming and this caused the negro to flee.

A doctor was at once summoned and now her condition is considered serious. It was soon learned that a negro boy was plotting near-by and before the posse arrived he had mounted the horse and was making a vigorous attempt to escape.

Telegrams and telephone messages were sent all over the county and all along the Norfolk and Western Railway, and automobiles were pressed into service to watch for the fugitive.

One negro answering his description was taken off a westbound freight train at Bedford, while the posse, headed by Len Franklin, had arrested another while coming down the road on the plow horse, not more than two miles from where the crime took place.

This negro, named Alfred Wright, lives here in town. He was taken before Mrs. Ferguson to-night by Sheriff McKinney and Commonwealth's Attorney Ferguson and fully identified. He strongly denies his guilt, but the evidence is said to be complete.

A special term of court will be called for Saturday, when Judge Hundley will sit, and justice will be administered rapidly. Sheriff McKinney has complete charge of the case. The jail is heavily guarded and more guards will be added to-night. Every precaution to prevent lynching will be taken by Sheriff McKinney, who will not tolerate any signs of disorder.

The boy's family lives in Lynchburg, but he has been a farm hand near here.

ONLY 52 PASS BAR EXAMINATION

Of 112 Applicants for License to Practice, Sixty -- Fail.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Roanoke, Va., June 27.—Out of a class of 112 applicants for license to practice law in Virginia, who were examined yesterday, only fifty-two were successful, these being as follows:

Will W. Akerly, Lexington; A. M. Alken, Jr., Danville; Robert B. Albertson, Richmond; E. M. Averill, Orange; Preston H. Bailey, Lynchburg; Frank W. Barnard, Norfolk; John W. Boyd, Richmond; G. H. Branaman, Waynesboro; Morris F. Briggs, Coakley; H. G. Cochran, Magnolia, Del.; John Les-

lie Curry, Staunton; R. Granville Curry, Staunton; Charles W. Davis, Sedley; William Chapman Dewey, Memphis, Tenn.; Louis N. Duffey, Alexandria; H. Rozier Dulany, Jr., Up- perville; W. S. Dunn, Bland; Arthur C. Fant, Memphis, Tenn.; T. Walter Fred, Blacksburg; Benjamin D. Goods, Boydton; Francis J. Heazel, Roanoke; M. M. Herman, Danville; Abram Hancock Hopkins, Rocky Mount; J. A. Jackson, Jr., Franklin; Louis A. Johnson, Roanoke; Walter B. Kecezzell, Keeseville, Pa.; B. T. McPeak, Covington; F. P. Moncre, Rosslyn; D. C. Clovis Moomaw, Roanoke; Edward H. Moon, Lynchburg; Joseph F. Moore, Berryville; Philip Wilhelm Murray, Newport News; S. B. McIntee, Upper- black Eddy, Pa.; B. T. McPeak, Cov- ington; Sidney F. Parham, Washing- ton, D. C.; J. Carl Peck, Richmond; Joseph G. Pyle, Lexington; F. Briggs Richardson, Richmond; Andrew Wal- lace Green, Lexington; W. B. Settle, Punt Hill; Elms W. Somers, Bloxom; R. K. Spiller, Wytheville; Moody E. Stillings, Suffolk; W. C. Swank, Har- risonburg; A. Barclay Tallaferra, Orange; L. Bradford Waters, University of Virginia; Jack Watskey, Rich- mond; O. B. Watson, Roanoke; Kyle M. Weeks, Willis; Clayton Epes Wil-

liams, Woodstock; T. A. Williams, Richmond; R. B. Wine, Broadway.

COTTON ON 15-CENT BASIS.

Southern Governors May Consider Plan of Marketing Crop.

Macon, Ga., June 27.—The Macon Chamber of Commerce has petitioned Governor Joseph Brown, of Georgia, to call a conference of Southern Governors and business men to be held in Atlanta July 10, to give consideration to the plan of the Southern States Cotton Corporation for the marketing of the cotton crop on a 15-cent basis. Four Southern Governors already favor the conference.

The Southern States Cotton Corporation is already organized in sixty Georgia counties and forty counties in Texas.

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Dunlop Flour, 38c bag; barrel.....	\$6.00	Pochontas Early June Sifted Peas,	25c
Good Corn or Mixed Tea, lb.....	30c	2 cans.....	25c
Celluloid Starch, package.....	4c	3 cans Pochontas Best Corn for.....	25c
Washington Corn Flakes, pkg.....	8c	Large cans California Table Peas, 14c	25c
Very Large California Prunes, lb.....	10c	Good Sugar Corn.....	7c
Choice Evaporated Peaches, lb.....	10c	Maccaroni and Spaghetti, 1-lb. pkg.	7c
Calumet Small Best Quality Hams,	17c	Pure Ground Coffee, lb.....	18c
per lb.....	17c	Smoked California Hams, lb.....	12 1/2c
New Herring, per dozen.....	10c	Ceresota Flour, 44c bag; per barrel.....	\$7.00
Witch Hazel Toilet Soap, 3 to box.....	10c	Burnishine Metal Polish, can, 8c	15c
Best Quality Beer, dozen.....	55c	large cans.....	19c
Large New Irish Potatoes, peck.....	40c	Smithfield Country Hams, lb.....	15c
Good Salt Pork, lb.....	10c	Pa. Pride Coffee, fresh roasted,	25c
Good Lard, lb.....	10c	per lb.....	25c
Snowdrift Lard, all size can, lb.....	11c	Large cans Borden's Peerless	25c
Large can Best Salmon, can.....	11c	Milk, 3 cans, 25c; small size.....	4c
Large cans Sour Kroust.....	8c	8 large bars Cans Soap for.....	25c
Fresh Mushroom Crackers, lb.....	15c	14 cans Canned Asparagus, can,	14c
Best Granulated Sugar, lb.....	6 1/2c	14c, 18c and.....	24c
Wood's Best N. C. Roe Herring,	\$2.75	Libby's 1-lb. cans Corned Beef.....	16c
new; per dozen, 23c; per keg.....	\$2.75	Large cans Mason Jars Queen Olives.....	40c
Best Sugar-Cured Breakfast Bacon,	16c	5-lb. pails Home-Made Preserves.....	35c
per pound.....	16c	1-lb. cans Good Luck Baking Powder.....	8c
Large 4-String Broom.....	20c	New Hominy and Grits, 2 lbs. for.....	5c
Lump Starch, 6 1/2 lbs. for.....	25c	New Seeded Raisins, lb. pkg.....	9c
1-lb. cans Rumford's Baking Powder.....	25c	Gold Medal Coffee, Java and Mocha	30c
1 packages Post Toasties.....	25c	mixture, 1-lb. cans, 30c; 5-lb. cans.....	\$1.45
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